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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the continuation patent application of:

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: GLORIOSO, Joseph C.; EVANS, Christopher; ROBBINS, Paul D.

For: GENE TRANSFER FOR STUDYING AND TREATING A CONNECTIVE TISSUE OF A MAMMALIAN HOST

- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application No. 08/924,777, filed September 5, 1997, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 08/924,777, filed September 5, 1997, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- [X] 72 pages of specification
 [X] 5 pages of claims
 [X] 1 page of Abstract
 [X] 26 sheets of informal drawing(s)
 [X] 13 pages of sequence listing

USPTO NOTICE REGARDING POWER OF ATTORNEY, dated September 6, 2000, received in the prior application (**copy enclosed**).
 COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY filed in the prior application September 6, 2000 (**copy enclosed**).

An assignment of the invention to UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, was recorded in the prior application, Recordation Date: 04/03/1998, Reel/Frame: 9079/0185.

- [X] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.

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SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$355.00
x \$9.00 =	\$216.00
x \$40.00 =	
+ \$135.00 =	
TOTAL	\$571.00

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